

families. I appreciate what the city of Mineral Wells does to honor those most responsible for our freedom, and I am hopeful they will continue to serve as an example for years to come.

**HONORING JOHN CASE, CHAIRMAN  
OF THE PACE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**HON. JUDY BIGGERT**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank John Case for his 8 years of service as Chairman of the Pace Board of Directors. Under John's leadership, numerous improvements were instituted to North America's 6th largest bus system, resulting in better service for millions of Americans living in the Chicagoland area.

It is no surprise that John was chosen to serve as Chairman of the Board—he has a long history of serving his community and nation. As a retired United States Air Force Major with 20 years of service, including the third bomber wing during the Korean War, he brought many valuable skills to his role as Chairman. His experience is evident in the many improvements he instituted. These include developing Board Committees to handle specific decision areas, implementing use of biodiesel in the Pace bus fleet, doubling the size of Pace's vanpool program, ensuring that retirement funds are being adequately funded, and implementation of the Intelligent Bus System, which provides real-time information on bus locations, ridership and on-time performance.

John is a dedicated public servant. For more than 40 years, he has served his community in many public roles. He began his public career in Lisle Township—located in the 13th District of Illinois, which I represent—and, since then, has held the position of Township Trustee and Supervisor for Lisle Township. In DuPage County, in which Lisle Township resides, he has served as a DuPage County Board Member, County Board Chairman, and Forest Preserve President.

Once again, I would like to congratulate and thank John Case on his eight successful years as Chairman of the Pace Board of Directors and for all he has done for his community.

**RECOGNIZING THE GENEROUS ACTIONS OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generous actions of National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA, following the damaging affects of Hurricane Katrina on our nation's liquid hydrogen infrastructure.

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Gulf Coast Region of the United States. In addition to the devastating

impact that Hurricane Katrina levied on the residents and municipalities of the Gulf Coast Region, the storm also severely damaged numerous business and manufacturing establishments, including the world's largest liquid hydrogen manufacturing facility located in New Orleans, LA.

For 40 years, NASA has been a major user of liquid hydrogen for many of its programs, including its Space Shuttle program. Today, NASA remains a significant and preferential customer of the New Orleans liquid hydrogen facility and, as such, is entitled to preferential supply due to its Defense Priority rating.

Liquid hydrogen is essential in many commercial manufacturing applications including the production of metals, float glass and electronics products that are, in turn, critical resources for other major American manufactures.

In anticipation of the Space Shuttle launch scheduled for March 2006, NASA had accumulated a considerable amount of liquid hydrogen in its spheres at the Kennedy Space Center, and had also planned significant testing of the Space Shuttle engines at Stennis Space Center prior to the March launch.

Upon learning of the severe shortage of liquid hydrogen supply in North America due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina on the facility located in New Orleans, NASA voluntarily agreed to transfer back to the facility a total of 391,220 pounds of liquid hydrogen and agreed to "stand down" its engine testing requirements at Stennis Space Center until liquid hydrogen production was resumed in November 2005.

NASA's generous actions allowed for the continued, albeit reduced, supply of liquid hydrogen to most commercial customers across the United States and prevented the shutdown of numerous manufacturing facilities and commensurate job losses throughout the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing NASA for its exceptional response and efforts in support of the U.S. manufacturing base by unselfishly committing its liquid hydrogen resources immediately following Hurricane Katrina's devastation of the Gulf Coast liquid hydrogen production capacity on August 29, 2005.

**CAPITOL HILL MOURNS THE  
PASSING OF THE COSTUME LADY**

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lola Beaver, a longtime Capitol Hill resident who owned and operated The Costume Shop for 34 years after an equally long and successful career as a dancer, choreographer and dance instructor. She died at home in her sleep on Tuesday, November 28. When she died at 96, Lola's sharp wit, sparkling intelligence and high-spirited spunk had not deserted the woman whose loyalty and love were treasured by countless friends, customers and neighbors.

Born Luola (Lola) Murchison Hurkamp in Fredricksburg, Virginia, on July 5, 1910, she moved to the Washington area after her mother committed suicide when Lola was four years old. After five long years as a boarding

student at the National Cathedral School, she graduated in 1929, came into her inheritance and promptly hopped on a Holland American liner headed for Europe. At summer's end, she returned to the States and arrived in New York City in a Chevrolet roadster that boasted a rumble seat and an item she had picked up in a Paris flea market and screwed onto the outside of her car: a French horn.

The 1929 stock market crash forced Lola, a student at NYC's Grand Central Art School, to earn a living as a dime-a-dance girl. She met and married a struggling actor, Andy Beaver, who was sharing an apartment with Henry Fonda and Burgess Meredith. When her husband joined the Marine Corps, the couple moved to Washington, DC. After twin boys died within two months of their birth, Lola opened the Lola Beaver Dance School in downtown Washington.

While her husband was fighting overseas, she performed for the troops at Washington's Stage Door Canteen and with the USO, traveling from the Caribbean to the Arctic with dancers from her school. A White House request that Lola create handmade bow ties to match President Lyndon Johnson's navy blue tuxedo marked her career move into costume design and rental. She moved to Capitol Hill in 1972 and converted a dry cleaning shop at the corner of 8th and A streets NE into The Costume Shop. "I liked Capitol Hill," she told an oral historian. "It had a nice small-town atmosphere. The people on the Hill are people you wouldn't mind knowing." Donna Brazile, my former chief of staff, moved across the street from Lola about 10 years ago. They became fast friends, and Lola knew that Donna was a friend to have. Donna virtually adopted Lola, cooking for her and nurturing Lola with friendship until the end.

Along with the city's most prestigious live theaters and Halloween revelers of all ages, members of Congress and burlesque queens, Lola's customers included every president from Johnson to Bill Clinton. During the height of the Watergate scandal, the lifelong Democrat took particular glee in outfitting then Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh as a burglar and his wife as a bug for Halloween. The ever-slim beauty with a thick mane of white hair never hesitated to render her opinion on a customer's choice of costume or actual weight. "You're too fat for that dress" or "You should be a pirate/princess/clown—you look like one" were the price of rental at The Costume Shop. Regarding the elegant turn-of-the-century cutaway Bill Clinton rented, Lola recalled, "He was bigger than I thought he was. He must've worn a corset when he had his picture taken."

It was considered a high honor to be invited to join Lola, a grandmother figure for countless Hill residents, children and adults alike, for a bourbon-soaked "teatime" that lasted until the wee hours of the morning. Many a glass of Jim Beam will be raised in her honor at a luncheon that will immediately follow a memorial service to be held December 9 at Christ Church, noon, 620 G St., SE.

In lieu of flowers, Lola, a lifelong animal lover, asked that contributions be made in her name to the Washington Humane Society ([washhumane.org](http://washhumane.org)) and The Elephant Sanctuary ([elephants.com](http://elephants.com)).